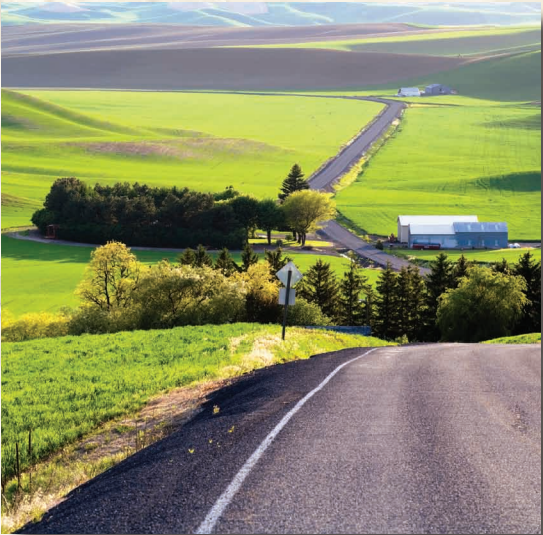
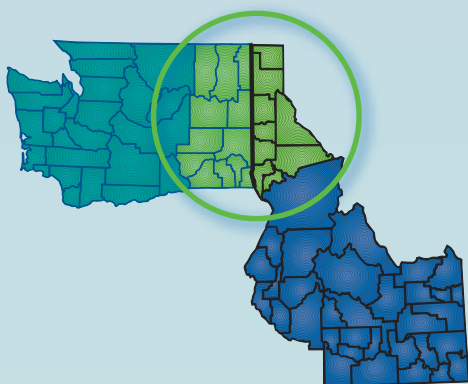


Inland Northwest Regional Transportation Summit



September 19 & 20, 2007

Business, governmental, and transportation leaders from the Inland Northwest, including the Spokane economic region, Northern Idaho and the area served by the Palouse-Coulee City Railroad are invited to the Inland Northwest Regional Transportation Summit September 19-20 at the Spokane Convention Center.



Organized by the Washington State Transportation Commission, the Summit provides the opportunity for developing a set of strategies for meeting the future transportation needs of people and the diverse economic sectors of the entire Inland Northwest Region -- from Walla Walla to Lewiston, Coeur d'Alene to Pullman and Colville.



The Summit begins at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 19 with an Opening Address by Tom Fitzsimmons, Chief of Staff to Washington Governor Christine Gregoire, followed by a reception on the Spokane Convention Center rooftop patio. The program continues all day Thursday, September 20, with a taped appearance by U.S. Senator Patty Murray and a keynote address by Commissioner Frank Mulvey of the U.S. Surface Transportation Board. Sessions also include interactive and participatory discussions with legislative leaders from Washington and Idaho, and hands-on workshops focused on how people and products move throughout the region. The Summit culminates in setting near term goals for a Regional Transportation Action Plan.



Breakout discussions will cover multiple transportation modes and issues and will address governance and funding aspects related to each.

Freight Mobility

- Global and Cross-Border Trade
- The Future for Short Line Railroads



Personal Mobility

- Completing the North Spokane Corridor
- Intercity Connections: Bus and Rail
- Ways to Commute



Economic Development



- Travel, Tourism and the Inland Northwest
- Technology and Transportation
- Ports as Economic Engines
- Aviation Opportunities

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